

REMARKS

The Examiner is kindly thanked for the attention to the present application. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, and 33 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims, but were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 6, 15, 25, and 33 have been amended to include the limitations previously set forth in the claims from which they depended.

Specifically, claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of its respective base and intervening claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, as well as the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 6 as newly presented claims 36-40. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of its respective base and intervening claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, as well as the subject matter of allowable claim 14. Claims 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 15 as newly presented claims 41-46. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of its respective base and intervening claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, as well as the subject matter of allowable claim 24. Claims 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 29 have been amended to depend from claim 25 as newly presented claims 47-52. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 33 has been amended to include the limitations of its respective base and intervening claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 31, 34, and 35 have been amended to depend from claim 33 as newly presented claims 53-55. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request early passage of these claims through issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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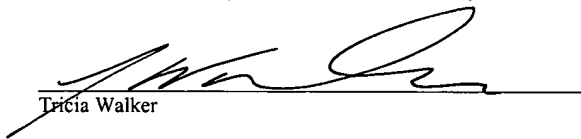
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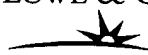
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